Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad; Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly; and Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi.

(b) During the last three years (2000-01 to 2002-2003) an amount of Rs. 155.54 lakhs has been incurred for the purpose.

(c) There are 39 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) including seven Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) that have been strengthened to work as KVKs in Uttar Pradesh. During 2002-2003, 3,344 training programmes were conducted benefiting 80,720 farmers including rural youths.

Incentives to producers of export quality Basmati rice

354. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the name of States which are producing export quality Basmati rice alongwith the details of the total production of such Basmati rice in the country every year;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to provide incentives to the States producing such Basmati rice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Basmati rice of export quality is produced in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. State-wise production of Basmati rice for last three years is given below:—

(Production in '000 tonnes)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Harvana	789.00	616.00	625.00
Punjab	258.00	141.00	193.00
UP.	311.96	—	462.00
Uttaranchal	3.81	3.90	10.69

(b) and (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry have notified Basmati Rice Export Zones, one each in U.P., Punjab and Uttaranchal States. The Agro Export Zone concept is an end to end approach for over all development of produce grown in geographically contiguous area. Fiscal benefits like waiver of purchase/mandi taxes etc. accrue to entrepreneurs in these zones. Financial assistance to Basmati rice exporters is extended for various activities like (a) purchase of sortex machine (b) setting up of effluent treatment plant (c) purchase of laboratory equipment (d) brand publicity through advertisement etc. through Basmati Development fund. Besides, financial assistance is also available for Packaging Development, Research and Development and Training. Activities like mapping of Basmati rice growing areas, development of Mill Certification procedure and launch of quality produce of India Logo are also being undertaken to encourage Basmati growing states.

In addition, APEDA is also implementing various schemes for market development, infrastructure development, quality development etc. to enhance export of Basmati rice.

Agricultural contribution to GDP

355. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how much agriculture sector is likely to contribute to country's total GDP in the year 2003-04;

(b) what would be its share in economic growth in percentage terms during the same period; and

(c) what future steps Government are initiating to strengthen infrastructure, so as to considerably enhance agricultural production during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) No estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and contributions of individual sectors of the economy to GDP for the year 2003-04 have been released so far by the Central Statistical Organisation. However, the Mid-year Review released by the Ministry of Finance in November, 2003 has indicated a